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Dr Aylett

Top men to get awards

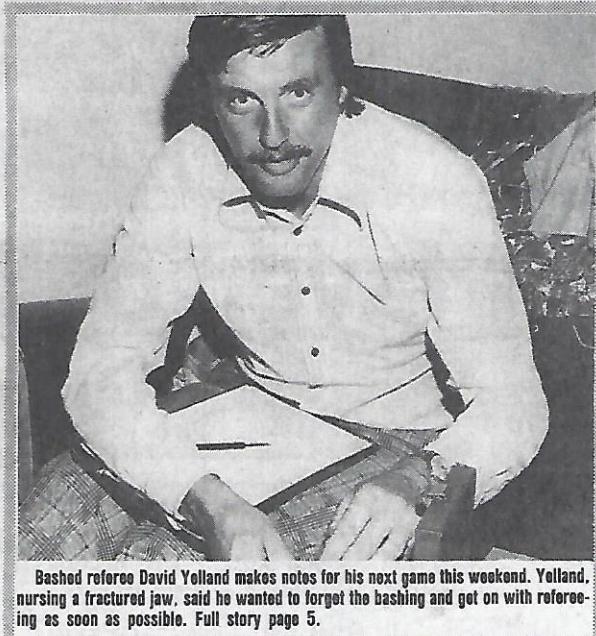
"Soccer Action", in conjunction with sponsors, will run three big awards for Victorian State League players this year.

Nickley's restaurant of Carlton will wine and dine our Player of the Week, announced in "Soccer Action" every Wednesday.

Rothmans will make a \$250 cash award to the Goalkeeper of the Year. Winner in 1977 was Hans van der Poel of Altona.

An announcement will be made soon about the prize to be offered to the best player in the State League. Best player voting for the first round appears on page 13.

Sportsmanship the casualty in VFL's



Bashed referee David Yolland makes notes for his next game this weekend. Yolland, nursing a fractured jaw, said he wanted to forget the bashing and get on with refereeing as soon as possible. Full story page 5.

talk of 'combat'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Our columnist Rale Rasic wrote three weeks ago about the virtual apartheid attitude that has long existed between football codes in Australia.

Rasic, former national coach, urged everyone concerned to follow the lead set by the "Festival of Football", organised by Fitzroy VFL club and featuring an Australian Rules, a soccer and a Rugby League match on the same program.

He was saying quite simply that all football codes can live together in friendship.

"Soccer Action" finds it necessary to re-emphasise that concept following yet another outburst by the president of the VFL. Dr Allen Aylett.

After hearing that the State Government had rejected the VFL's request for the right to play Sunday matches, Aylett said one of the VFL's main concerns was to fight soccer.

He referred to soccer as "a foreign code". He said the VFL was the only body "combating" soccer. "What we are looking at is Australian football winning," he said in another part of his statement.

We believe Australian Rules, or any other sport for that matter, should have the right to play on Sundays or on any other day, but that's really not the issue.

Neither is the problem of traffic and parking that would be created by playing VFL, VFA, Phillips League, and State League matches all on the same day.

The issue, as we see it, is that Aylett's badly-chosen words are setting sport against sport, Australian against

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TWO STATES REJECT NSW YOUTH POLICY



• Joe Vlasits



• Duncan McKay



• Edmund Kreft



• John Warren

State coaches Duncan McKay of Victoria and Edmund Kreft of South Australia disagree strongly with NSW's move to ban players older than 26 from its State squad.

NSW made the ruling last week, in an effort to help Australia build a new national squad for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

The ruling meant State coach Joe Vlasits had to leave Jimmy Rooney, Peter Wilson, Atti Abonyi, Doug Oješenovic, Dave Harding and other Soccercoots out of the NSW team to play against Derby County in Sydney on May 14.

Derby will play against Victoria in Melbourne on May 21 and against South Australia in Adelaide on May 24.

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Stars and Hajduk Split are also like-ly.

Vlasits' 20-man squad includes 10 Phillips League players — two from each of the five NSW PSL teams.

The squad is:

Goalkeepers: Malcolm Haynes (Sutherland), Gary Meier (Olympic).

Defenders: Bob McPherson (Melita Eagles), Kevin Mullen (Hakoah), Paul Degney (Marconi), Rod Skellern (Western Suburbs), Brendan Grosse (St. George), Greg Allan (Sydney Olympic), Gerry Crawford (Inter-Monaro).

Midfielders: Peter Stone (Western Suburbs), Murray Barnes (Hakoah), Ian Stone (Croatia), Jim Zeros (Marrickville Olympic), Kevin Calman (Croatia).

Forwards: Terry Butler (APIA), Mark Jankovic (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (St. George), Craig Hall (Sutherland), Sebastian Giampolo (Inter Monaro), Walter Valeri (Inter Monaro).

SA coach Edmund Kreft, also coach of Adelaide Juventus, said last week: "State games put on for spectators who pay good money should not be used to field untried players.

"You can afford to experiment against the weaker soccer countries, particularly if you had an under 23 squad in full training.

"If you don't field your best players in full State games, the team gets slaughtered and the public is robbed.

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Games STANDINGS

Weekend Phillips League Matches:

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle v Olympic at International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm.

IN SYDNEY

Marconi v Western Suburbs, Marconi Oval, Sunday 3 pm.

Hakoah v Adelaide Juveniles at Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE

South Melbourne v Brisbane City, Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN CANBERRA

Canberra v Fitzroy Alexander, Bruce Stadium, Saturday 2.30 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v Hellas v Footscray JUST, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v St George, Perry Park, Saturday, 7.30 pm.

	HOME	AWAY													
	W	L	D	F	A	W	L	D	F	A	W	L	D	F	A
Marconi	2	1	0	8	3	2	1	0	5	0	13.3	10	9	1	0
St. Melb. Hellas	1	2	0	5	2	2	1	0	5	1	10.3	9	9	1	0
West Suburbs	1	3	0	6	4	2	0	0	4	2	10.4	9	9	1	0
Hakoah-Ents	0	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	10	3	11.6	8	8	1	0
Syd Olympic	1	0	2	3	3	2	1	0	3	1	6.4	6	6	1	0
Canberra	0	3	0	5	5	1	1	1	5	5	10.10	6	6	1	0
W. Adel. Hellas	1	0	2	4	5	1	2	0	3	2	7.7	6	6	1	0
Brisbane Lions	0	2	1	3	6	1	1	1	5	6	8.12	5	5	1	0
St. George	1	0	2	4	6	1	0	2	4	4	8.10	4	4	1	0
Adel. Juveniles	0	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	4	5	5.7	4	4	1	0
Brisbane City	2	0	1	5	4	0	0	3	3	7	8.11	4	4	1	0
Newcastle	0	0	2	1	5	1	2	1	6	8	7.13	4	4	1	0
Footscray JUST	0	1	2	1	5	1	1	1	3	2	8.4	4	4	1	0
Fitz Alexander	1	1	2	3	6	0	1	1	5	4	4.11	4	4	1	0

Philips League team of week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of week

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SKELLERN (1) HENDERSON (2) WILSON (2) LUJIC (1)
(West) (Can) (West) (J.U.S.T.)

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(St. Geo) (W.A.H.) (Can)

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FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Ollerton 2), at Olympic Park, crowd 8250.

Rating by Lauri Schwab:

HELLAS: Hansen 8; Pepe 6, Kalafatidis 6, Baxter 7,

Hagegnanouli 8; Linton 7, Whight 7, Roberts 7; McGuinness 6 (Cormann 7, half time); Ollerton, Kancic 7.

J.U.S.T.: O'Hara 6; Hansen 7, Kiliaris 7, Kondaridis 7,

Lulic 5; Rujevic (Martin 70th), Illoeki 7, Pliciano 7, Nicolaidis 6 (Ristic 70th); Palinkas 6, Vasic 7.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (D. Allen) ADELAIDE CITY 0 (T. Allen) AT Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 5,895.

Player ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

OLYMPIC: Miller 9, Palmer 9, Cross 7, G. Allen 7, McIntosh 7, McAlindon 7, Palmer 7, Whight 7, Wilson 7, Senkalaki 7, D. Allen 8 (Lucket), Almire 7.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Nyskohus 7, Yung 7, Matic 6, Lister 6, Rigby 7, Melia 6, Perin 6, Marocchi 7 (Marwe), Northcote 7, J. Nyskohus 6.

HAKOAH 0 v MARCONI 0 at Wentworth Park. Crowd 3598.

Player ratings by Meno Toutsidis.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 5, Russell 7, Prakalo 5 (sent off), Degney 8, Vieri 6, Rooney 6, Byrne 5, (sub Richards 6), Jankovic 5, Mariani 5, Sharne 5.

HAKOAH: Clarke 6, Mullen 6, Thomson 5, (sent off), O'Connor 6, Mowbray 6, Stevenson 6, Watson 5, Bob Smith 6, Campbell 7, Kershaw 6, Silve 7.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Carruthers) Middle Park, crowd 3500.

Rating by Laurie Schwab:

ALEXANDER: Blazic 9; McMillan 8, Provan 7, O'Reilly 6,

Tansey 8; Hay 8 (Socino 8 half time), Taylor 7, Bannon 6, Campbell 7, Cole 6, Bullock 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 6; Reynolds 6, Kamps 7, Jones 6, Bozanic 6; Honeyman 7, McGachey 8, Boyle 8, McGregor 6; Zerves 6, Carruthers 6.

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BRISEBANE LIONS 2 (Laslo, Hermitson) CANTERBURY CITY 2 (Cant, Hermitson o.g.) at Perry Park, crowd 3000.

Rating by Bruce Weddel:

LIONS: Lowndes 7, Potter 7, Hermitson 7, Bennett 7,

Amos 7, Neale 6, Venables 6, Niven 7 (Wilson 8), Laslo 8,

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Bertie Lutton (left) of Hellas and John Nicolaides of JUST fight for a high ball.



Andrija Ristic of JUST goes past Hellas winger Chris Kent. Ristic has the chance to re-establish himself as a regular.

Lujic into Vic squad

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s brilliant left back Zdravko Lujic is one of three new men brought into the Victorian squad for a match against South Melbourne Hellas at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30.

The other new men are forward Dave Perkins of Green Gully and Ken Taylor of Footscray.

The players omitted from the original squad are Peter Donaldson, John Patten (Green Gully), Branko Culina (Essendon Croats), Jim Symington and Peter Crotty (Footscray).

The 19-man squad for tonight's game is: John Hansen, Stuart Baxter (Hellas), Jim Kondaros, Zdravko Lujic (JUST), Bob Patten, Ken Taylor (Albion), Peter Laumeier, Eric Dobresi, Bill McClymont, George McMillan (Makedonia), Vince Bannon (Frankston), Steve Kokoski, Alan Hart, Tomaszewski (Croatia), Steve Dennis (Slavia), Mick Watkins, Charlie Smith (Juventus), Ken Reed (George Cross), Dave Perkin (Green Gully).



Zdravko Lujic

Our sympathy

"Soccer Action" extends its sympathy to former player Kurt Goettlicher and his wife on the loss of their five-year-old daughter, who was killed when she was struck by a car in St. Albans last Friday night.

Goettlicher was in the team playing under the name West Germany, which won the 1959 under 20 Loddon "World Cup" in Victoria.

He played for St. Albans and in the State League for Richmond and J.U.S.T. During a spell back home in Germany he was with Karlsruhe.

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Chance for Hellas to take the lead

By LAURIE SCHWAB

South Melbourne is poised to take over leadership of the Philips League after its 2-0 win over Footscray JUST at Olympic Park in front of 8250 people last Sunday.

Hellas should beat Brisbane City at Middle Park on Sunday, while league leader Marconi has a difficult match against unbeaten Western Suburbs in Sydney.

If Marconi drops a point, Hellas could move into top position on goal difference.

Knowing the importance of goals in this situation, Hellas will try to score as many as possible against Brisbane City, although Peter Toksei and Steve Perry will certainly be no pushovers.

Hellas had the ball in the net four times against JUST but referee Bob Henderson twice ruled no goal because of infringements.

The 10 goals that did stand, were both headed home by big Peter Ollerton who has so often engineered JUST's downfalls.

Yet JUST had probably more scoring chances than Hellas.

Striker Dragan Vasic got himself into dangerous positions but couldn't get the ball into the net. Goalkeeper John Hartman also played a part in positioning himself perfectly for every save.

JUST left-back Zdravko Lujic was the man of the match. He was brilliant. What else can be said?

Coach Cedo Cirkovic started Lujic in defence, but pushed him up to the left wing in the 70th minute.

With Mendo Ristovski out injured, Lujic will probably have to stay in attack.

Andrija Ristic came into the dugout and was allowed to warm up and showed he will play well there. Ristic had some fine games last season, but has been used only as a stopper this season. He now has his chance to re-establish himself as a regular.

Hellas wasn't as sound as usual in defence and seemed to have trouble handling the greater ball skills of the JUST players.

Mike Pye and Chris Kafalafidis, for example, were often beaten on the ground, and it was left to Stuart Baxter to clear many dangerous attacks.

However, Margaritis Hagegmanouli at left back had an excellent game and was often seen to stick closely to Joe Palkins, so he restricted Palkins to only four or five raids, while still managing to come forward occasionally.

Chris Kent was excellent as usual on the left flank, controlling along the length of the line and causing havoc in the JUST defence with some of his crosses.

The Hellas midfielders, Bertie Lutton, Sammy Wright and Billy Rogers, all had sound games, and of course Peter Ollerton proved the match-winner with his two goals.

JUST looked dangerous in the second minute. Mirko Rujevic, back after injury, crossed the ball into the Hellas penalty area but it was too far behind Vasic who could not get to it properly.

Then Vasic went on a great run on the left ball, beating Palkins and squaring the ball to Ollerton who hit the side netting.

Rujevic brought the ball down inside the penalty area for John Nicolaides who had a quick shot on the turn but Nicolaides could not connect with the ball hard enough to beat Hansen.

Zoran Ilišić had a powerful shot from 25 metres but again Hansen saved.

Nicolaides engineered a good move inside the penalty area by cutting the ball behind a defender into open space, for Vasic to run onto. However, Vasic twisted his ankle and fell over.

Hellek struck back, with Ollerton bringing down a high ball for Bob Patten, who had a brilliant tackle on the goal area before McGuinness interference. Patten had a chance to whittle a free kick for Ollerton on goalkeeper O'Hara.

In the 70th minute coach Cirkovic reorganized his team by bringing John Martin and Ristic on for Rujevic and Nicolaides.

Ristic went to right back, Igor Hazabent to left back, Lujic to left wing and Martin to midfield.

Shortly afterwards Hazabent was shown the yellow card for a foul.

Hellas struck the killer blow in the 70th minute. Rogers headed goalwards and Ollerton came in to head into goal off the crossbar.

Sut JUST kept trying. Hansen could only parity a hard shot by Lujic but with the goal at JUST's mercy, Kafalafidis dropped back to clear.

Hellas could have scored a third goal as just became hurried and desperate.

Goalkeeper O'Hara failed to cut out a square ball from Cummings, allowing it to find Rogers charging through at the other end of the penalty area. Unfortunately for Hellas, Rogers' shot hit the post.

In the last attack of the game the ball went square from Kafalafidis to Nicolaides to Vasic who smashed it into the goal.

The last couple of minutes of the first half belonged to the visitors but shots by Fisher, then Toksei in the 43rd and 45th minute respectively, were not on target.

The second half of this match uncovered a new name in the West, Peter Toksei, then Toksei in the 43rd and 45th minute respectively.

In a letter to the president of the ASPA, Jim Barker, the Philips organisation expressed its thanks for a well-



Peter Ollerton heads home Hellas' second goal against JUST. Other players from left are goalkeeper Mike O'Hara, Billy Rogers, Igor Hazabent, Jim Kafalafidis and Andrija Ristic. —Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Wests give Ugly Dave a victory

By ALEX VESIC

Steve Perry, the ex-Western Suburbs player, headed a cross from Turnbull into his own net to help give his old team its first home win of the season.

The first quarter of an hour of this game suggested that Wests were in for another torrid afternoon.

Turnbull, who had his hand in a

McGuinness goal, was

soon to be the first to score.

McGuinness had his hands full.

0-1. A badly misdirected pass by

one of the Western Suburbs

defenders was intercepted by

McGuinness, who

then headed the ball away from

the goalkeeper but also past the post.

2-1. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

Only six minutes later, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-2. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-3. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-4. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-5. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-6. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-7. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-8. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-9. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

at the far post and about seven

metres from the goal line. The

striker rose above Toksei and headed the ball away from the

goalkeeper but also past the post.

0-10. In the 57th minute, Stone

took a corner kick that found Scott

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Fire at ground follows bashing!

The Phillips League will make a ruling tonight (Wednesday) on charges against Fitzroy Alexander over the mob attack on referee Dave Yelland at Middle Park last Saturday.

Alexander faces a fine or less of points on charges of having failed to control spectators and having failed to provide adequate security for the referee and linesmen.

Yelland and linesmen Colin Tufield and Sam Zouras were attacked by a gang mob after Yelland had allowed two minutes of injury time during which Eric Carruthers scored the goal that gave West Adelaide a 1-1 draw.

On Saturday night, someone shot a fire that caused about \$17,000 damage to one of the Middle Park pavilions facing Aughtie Drive. The pavilion housed equipment used by Hakah-St Kilda.

Yelland, 32, who has refereed about 1000 games in the past 16 years, had his jaw fractured by a punch that left him out cold for 10 minutes.

However, he was on the phone the next day seeking details about which match he is to referee this weekend.

In 1962 Yelland was punched by a player who was subsequently banned for eight years.

Last year, after a game at Middle Park, he was spat upon by a rampaging fan.

In 1961 his father, George, who

was a top referee then, was lucky to escape serious injury when a crazed spectator bashed him with a flag post.

Dave Yelland was still counting his bruises on Monday morning. There were at least six on his head and countless others on the rest of his body.

"They punched and kicked me out on the ground and the West Adelaide players did a great job helping me to get into the dressing room," he said.

"However, at least two people followed me in. One of them started abusing me, and so I told him to get out. Assuming he would leave, I turned around and that's the last I can remember. He must have really laid it into me."

"He was about my height — 6 ft.

1 in. — and he had dark hair. I'd never seen him before."

"If I can recognise any of them on the ATVO film of the game, I will press charges to get some form of compensation."

"Not one of the people who hit me squared up in front of me. They all got me from the back or the side, and it says something about their cowardice."

"Yelland said clubs should spend part of the money they have on improving grounds and protecting the names of spectators, rather than using it all on players."

"I reported Middle Park to the league last year because of the poor security. The fence around the pitch should be made higher and filled in with wire mesh," he said.

"There should also be more police at the ground. Although we had about 1000 spectators, there were only two on duty during the match."

"I asked an Alexander official to make a public announcement before the game, warning everyone not to cross behind the fence. The announcement was not made."

Yelland is a maths teacher at Bentleigh High School in Geelong. He is one of Victorian to have started refereeing senior matches before he turned 18.

He was appointed an FIFA referee last year.



A rampaging spectator has his first raised to punch referee David Yelland who is obscured by West Adelaide players after the match against Alexander at Middle Park. —Picture by Channel 0.

Canberra next for Alexander

By LAURIE SCHWAB

West Adelaide and Alexander should do well in their games this week, providing West coach John Margaritis strengthens his attack and Alexander's defenders keep their heads.

Alexander meets Canberra at the Bruce Stadium on Saturday. West Adelaide meets Footscray JUST AT Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Neil McCahey and, in the second half, Peter Boyle played brilliantly in midfield against Alexander at Middle Park last Saturday.

Graham Honeyman also did well there and Vic Zarvas provided even more drive with his good attacking runs from left back.

However, with the team concentrating on defence to force at least an away draw, West Adelaide had little power in attack.

Ian McGregor, who alternated in attack and defence, was rarely in the play. Alex Zervas was mostly beaten, although it was his cross that resulted in the equalising goal. Eric Carruthers was also beaten by the Alexander defence, but he recovered after goalkeeper Peter Blasby had made what will be remembered as the blunder of the year.

Margaret still has Greene Norris in reserve. In a home game, where the emphasis must be on scoring goals, Norris will be invaluable.

Alexander's defence, which had been the team's Achilles heel in previous games, was much improved for most of the match, until Blasby's costly mistake.

Attacking left back Jim Tansley was his silent best. Boyle, Proffitt, Proffitt, at centre back and Jim O'Reilly showed improvement alongside him.

But Alexander continues to have problems in midfield. Ken Tansley buzzed about quite well and did deliver a few nice passes, but Campbell obeyed instructions by

blocking Barry Reynolds on the flank and also figuring in some snappy attacks.

However, Pat Bannon could never get going — certainly he played two of those accurately, long through ball when he usually does so poorly. Doug Hay was tried out again but did not have a chance to show much before being replaced by Andrew Bozikas at half time.

As usual, Alexander looked most dangerous when Branko Buljevic dropped back to fetch the ball and stormed forward to combine with Gary Cole.

It was the Buljevic-Cole partnership that put Alexander into the lead in the 73rd minute.

Alex Zervas lost the ball in attack, with most of his team mates in forward positions.

This created the openings for an Alexander counter-attack which saw Buljevic passing to Cole to beat David Jones and goal past Martyn Crook.

The equaliser came in the second minute of injury time.

Zervas sent a cross from the right corner, Pat Bannon and O'Reilly had it covered, but when Blasby yelled "it's mine," they let it go for him. Trouble was, Blasby had the ball, but he dropped it. Carruthers accepted it gratefully and slammed home the equaliser.

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Smaller clubs dropping out of the race

Despite all the publicity and some of the shock results in the first few rounds, it now looks highly unlikely that any of the smaller clubs will challenge for the Phillips League championship.

There was much ballyhoo about Newcastle, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City but none of them has what it takes to make good this year.

The only one of the smaller teams that may yet pose a threat is Canberra.

Peter Marinello, the Scotish star, will strengthen the team in his 10 guest games this year, and the return of

Adrian Alston will certainly make a difference.

But I'm sure that the giants will rule once more — Hakoah, Marconi, perhaps Western Suburbs, and of course South Melbourne Hellas.

Hellas showed the rest of Australia exactly how strong a club it really is when it drew 16,000 to its clash with the Phillips League title.

Hellas should have been

among the leaders last year, but having learned many painful lessons, it is making sure of success this time.

The only disappointments so far have been St George, Alexander and Footscray JUST.

Before last weekend's round J.U.S.T. had a success rate of only about 40 per cent and you can't be a championship contender if you keep on going like that.

I thought, after its win against Adelaide Juventus, that J.U.S.T. would have had a much happier start.

We know that J.U.S.T. has had injury problems and that it has been bleeding new players. Perhaps things will get better.

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Meier proves he's one of the best

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Tommy Anderson's "Tartan Army", Sydney Olympic, performed a mid-afternoon raid twice in three weeks at Hindmarsh Stadium and again "pinched" two points.

Olympic beat West Adelaide 1-0 three weeks ago and on Sunday afternoon they again swept aside Adelaide City Juventus by the same score.

Olympic, in fifth place and three points behind leader Marconi, confirmed they will be a definite challenger for the Phillips League title.

Their fluent, methodical game will put them among the leaders if they can come through from last Sunday's performance.

Juventus, desperate for an early goal, began with a great deal of urgency but found goalkeeper Gary Meier superbly supine.

Meier did not make a solitary mistake and again proved that he is very close to being Australia's Number 1 goalkeeper, and a must

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Monaro and Melita set a hot pace

NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

Newcomers Monaro and Melita Eagles continued their great form in the NSW State League last weekend and have set a hot pace in the premiership.

Monaro recorded their best win of the season, defeating Manly United Olympic 4-1 at Coonamble.

Tony Morello (two), Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valer scored for Monaro, while Ross Brown knocked in Olympic's only goal.

Monaro took only five minutes to score the first goal from a free kick. Ten minutes later a missed kick by an Olympic defender allowed Valer to roll the ball over the goalkeepers' head for Monaro's second goal.

Olympic never recovered, although they together had some good passes in midfield without breaking down the strong Monaro defence.

In the second half Monaro continued to dominate play and went further ahead with goals from Giampaolo and Morello.

Olympic saved some pride when Brown netted in the 81st minute.

Monaro's latest recruits Valer and Giampaolo had good games while in defence Tim O'Meara was outstanding.

Gerald Crawford, the other Monaro player in the State squad, was in the stands to be replaced in the 23rd minute.

Alan Bourke, Monaro's latest signing, put in a big effort to link the midfield and the attack.

A 73rd minute goal by Eddie Patterson gave Avala a surprise 1-0 win over premiers Croatia at Mona Park.

The Avala defence, led by Alec Gray and Mark Barton, repelled many Croatia attacks and paved the way for victory.

Croatia looked the more dangerous in the first half, particularly in the first half, but with Gray, Barton and goalkeeper Peter Ahrens in top form, the Avala defence held firm.

Avala's winless attack was lifeless in the opening half, showed more dash after the break and Croatia keeper Steve Watson was called on to make some acrobatic saves. With some mistakes from Croatia, however, smart play by the Avala forwards put Patterson in the clear and he slammed home a 30 metre drive.

Croatia fought back and piled on the pressure in the last 15 minutes but couldn't bridge the rock-like Avala backline.

A lone goal by Sutherland's Jim Besterfield provided the home team with a 1-0 win in the 35th minute, over APIA-Liechhardt at Lamberts Park.

The second half produced much more excitement with APIA striving for the equaliser.

Sutherland weathered the early storm and came back strongly with some good attacking play and shot on goal from Craig Hall and Paul Smith.

APIA's Horatio Ruiz created many chances but he was let down by lack of support.

McCABE COACH AT CROATIA

South Australian and Australian goalkeeper Jim McCabe has been appointed goalkeeper-coach at Adelaide Croatia.

He represented Australia 15 times, and now will conduct coaching for nine Croatia teams.

John Green, a former professional goalkeeper in

the English League, has been given a free transfer by McCabe.

Green was also with Juventus, but was swapped with Roger Romanowicz, who was then with Polonia.

He quit playing for a while to concentrate on coaching Beograd, but is now considering making a comeback.

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60th year of Coburg



Coburg's all-time great Frankie Loughran (left) with Stanley Matthews after the Victoria v Blackpool match in 1958.

Australian image since 1918



Coburg, 1974, back row from left: B. Yearsly, G. Malcolm, J. Frampton, B. Marlowe, R. Malcolm, A. Lenders; front: A. Bolton, P. Murray, D. Bennett, A. Yearsly, S. Loughran.

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Club has some of State's best juniors

Since the end of the 1974 season junior soccer has flourished at Coburg, catering for all age groups from under 16.

Coburg have juniors building a reputation respected by many knowledgeable opposing coaches.

The following record speaks for itself:

1975: Yarra League under 9s runners-up; under 11s winners; under 12s winners; under 13s runners-up; under 15s winners.

1976: Yarra West League under 12s winners; Lalor North Under 13s winners; Lalor under 16s winners; Victorian Junior Cup under 13s runners-up.

Due to administrative difficulties, 1977 was not such a successful season for the juniors, although six of the previous years under 16 team and one from the current under 16s commanded places in the senior squad. 1977 also produced

three under 14, two under 16, and one under 18 Victorian representatives, 16-year-old **George Christopoulos** (now with S.M.-Hellas) going on to be selected for the Australain under 18 team.

Since 1975 Coburg's Victorian junior representatives have been:

G. Christopoulos 1975-76-77.

G. Kafritsas 1975-76-77.

F. Mancinelli 1975-76-77.

J. Catterson 1975-76.

H. Shettawi 1975-76.

P. Vuk 1975.

S. Timpano 1976.

S. Sodamaco 1977.

D. Cocorocchio 1977.

P. Skribic 1977.

Coburg looks forward to a successful season in 1978. Four teams will be fielded—U/16s, U/14s, U/13s and U/11s.

The reduction in the number of teams is necessary due to the consideration given to wear and tear of Coburg's new ground.

The junior pitch will not be ready until 1979.

Managing the juniors will again be **Gordon Crossley's** responsibility. His work for the club over the years is much appreciated.

Terry Tierney has taken over the unenviable job as junior secretary.



Coburg, 1978, standing from left: K. Upward (president), B. Agnello, O. Mizzi, S. Cummins, M. McGuiness, B. Frampton, R. Bolton; front: S. Timpano, M. Tsolakis, R. Malcolm (captain), S. K. Taylor.

Coach is former Ringwood 'keeper

MEET THE



This is Coburg Rudi van Altena, the former goalkeeper and coach of Ringwood Wilhelmina.



STEVE CUMMINS, 27, goalkeeper, transferred from Broadmeadows, 1976.



KEVIN TAYLOR, 17, full back, product of juniors.



BOB MALCOLM, midfield or forward, a product of juniors.



ARTHUR BOLTON, long-serving defender, club best and fairest in 1976.



KEVIN MIZZI, 16, goalkeeper, from Broadmeadows, 1976.



ALLIAN WILMOT transferred from Mel last and fairest last season.



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Upward is boss

The members of Coburg have converted half of their new pavilion into social rooms, where players, and supporters, can relax in comfort after the game.

Coburg's aim for 1978 is to consolidate its position in Division Three and then to become a force in soccer once again.

Executive Committee:
K. Upward (President), R. Malcolm (Secretary), R. Clements (Vice President), W. Henry (Asst. secretary), B. Riley (Treasurer). Committee members: A. Clements, A. Bolton, R. Frampton, S.

Reserves coach: C. Mifsud

Manager: J. Phelan.



Coburg's reserves, standing from left: M. Zammit, D. King, J. Mifsud, K. Mizzi, C. Galea, C. Mifsud, (coach), A. Clements. Front row: B. Jones, T. Akbiyik (also club photographer), J. Bonello, J. Benjamin, L. Agius, J. Curcio. Missing: T. Sherlock, D. Hassan.

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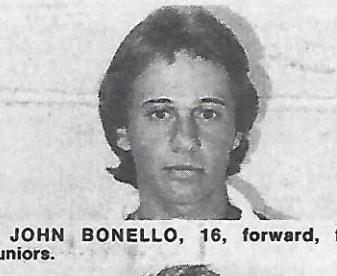
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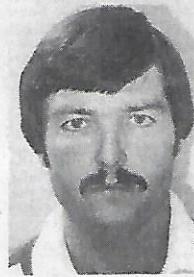
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SAM LOUGHREN, 27, son of former international Frank Loughran, came up through the juniors. Recently returned to Coburg after two-year spell with Melton. Plays midfield or forward.



JOHN BONELLO, 16, forward, from juniors.



MALCOLM MCGUINNESS, 35, defender.



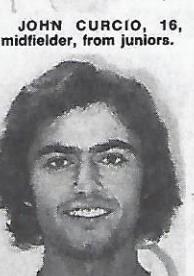
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PHIL ALTIERI, forward, back after a season with Polonia.



SANTO TIMPANO, 17, centre back, from juniors.



MICK TSOLAKIS, 17, forward, from juniors.

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Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year:

GROUP ONE
Argentina
Italy
Hungary
FranceGROUP TWO
West Germany
Poland
Mexico
TunisiaGROUP THREE
Brazil
Sweden
Austria
SpainGROUP FOUR
Holland
Scotland
Iran
Peru

Tunisia, standing from left: Gasmi, Agrebi, Kaabi, Temime, Dhouib, Attouga; front: Tarak, Kamel, Akid, Gommida, Liham.

Survived early loss to Guinea

Tunisia's qualifying games:

African first round:
12.12.76 in Casablanca:
Morocco 1 Tunisia 1, ref. F. Woehrer (Austria)
crowd 13,056.

9.1.77 in Tunis: Tunisia 1 Morocco 0, Tunisia won on penalties 4-2, ref. W. Hungerbuehler (Switzerland), crowd 44,500.

Second round:
6.2.77 in Tunis: Tunisia 2 Algeria 0, ref. A. Queudeville (Luxemburg), crowd 39,987.28.2.77 in Algiers:
Algeria 1 Tunisia 1, ref. P. Bonett (Malta), crowd 80,000.Third round:
5.6.77 in Conakry:
Guinea 1 Tunisia 0, ref. M. Larache (Morocco), crowd 25,000.19.6.77 in Tunis:
Tunisia 3 Guinea 1, ref. H. Fahmy Bahig (Egypt), crowd 35,248.Concluding matches:
25.9.77 in Tunis:
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JUGOSLAVIEN - ZAIRE 9-0
 1-0 BAJEVIC, 19 8-0 NR 7
 2-0 DZAJIC, 11 9-0 NR 19
 3-0 SURJAK, 9
 4-0 KATALINSKI, 15
 5-0 BAJEVIC, 19
 6-0 BOGICEVIC, 6
 7-0 OBLAK, 3

The scoreboard at the end of the Yugoslavia v Zaire game in Gelsenkirchen, West Germany, on June 18, 1974. Will Tunisia suffer similar thrashings? (Incidentally, Petkovic scored the eighth goal and Bajevic the ninth.)



Petkovic scores the eighth goal in Yugoslavia's 9-0 victory over Zaire in the 1974 World Cup finals.

Tunisia will rely on its goalkeeper

Tunisia will probably not fare as badly as Zaire did in West Germany four years ago, but it will nevertheless be a pushover for its Group Two opponents, West Germany, Poland and Mexico.

Zaire was humiliated 9-0 by Yugoslavia in 1974. Tunisia won't be beaten by as big a margin — but that's the only thing the Africans have to look forward to.

At least their qualification has wiped out bitter memories of 1961 and 1969 when, during the preliminaries, they were eliminated on the toss of a

coin by Morocco.

Tunisia will rely heavily on its captain, 32-year-old goalkeeper Sadoq Attouga, to keep the scores down in Argentina.

Attouga, of leading club side Club Africain, has played about 150 games for his country, including games against visiting club teams.

African footballer of the year is Dhab Tarak, the 23-year-old midfielder who plays for Esperance of Tunis.

The first of Tunisia's qualifying games were against Morocco and they were predictably tight, both ending in 1-1 draws before Tunisia won 4-2 on penalties.

In later rounds Tunisia eliminated Algeria and Guinea before entering the final tournament along with Nigeria and Egypt.

After a scoreless draw at home against Nigeria, Tunisia was lucky to win the return game through a Nigerian own goal.

Nigeria beat Egypt 4-0 but the Egyptians won the return game 3-1, and thus Nigeria was eliminated.

The outcome of the group rested with the two games between Egypt and Tunisia.

Egypt started as the favorite. Soccer is the biggest sport there and leading club El Ahly is coached by none other than the great Nandor Hidegkuti of Hungary. A member of FIFA since 1923, Egypt reached the Olympic Games quarterfinals in 1924, the semifinals in 1928 and was beaten by West Germany in the third place play-off in 1964. Egyptian club Ismaili won the African Champions' Cup in 1969 and Egypt itself won the Nations' Cup in 1957 and 1959, was runner-up in 1961, third in 1974 and fourth in 1976.

Tunisia, on the other hand, has never won the Nations' Cup and no Tunisian club has won the Champions' Cup. Long a colony of France, Tunisia did not become a member of FIFA until 1960.

Team manager is Majid Chetali, who played for Etoile and Tunisia in the mid-sixties.

Although Tunisia started as the underdog against Egypt in the deciding qualifying matches, Chetali remained confident in the ability and character of his players.

Apart from goalkeeper Attouga and midfielder Tarak, others in the "star" class are goalscorer Hezami Temime who plays for a club in Saudi Arabia, and Ali Manal of Swiss Second Division club Chenois Geneva.

The Egyptian players who had built up the biggest reputations are outside right Mustafa Abdou, striker Ali Khalaf and goalkeeper Ekrami.

And so the stage was set for the first Egypt v Tunisia match, in Cairo on November 25, 1977.

Line-ups were:

Egypt: Ekrami; Mohammed Saleh, Mustafa Younis, Maher Hammam Bedor, Sami Mansour; Farouk Gaafar, Hassan Shenata, Seid, Shafeek, Abdou, El Khalaf, Ali Khalaf.

Tunisia: Attouga; Mokhtar Zuweil, Omar El Habib, Kamel El Shably, Ali El Kaabi; Dhab Karak, Negib Kamla; El Ebely, Temime, Lemmy An Negib Imam, Ben Azza.

Gaafar scored from a

second to give Egypt a 2-0 lead at half time.

Attouga bravely took the ball from the feet of an onrushing Egyptian forward just after the interval to prevent Egypt from surging even further ahead.

Ben Aziza of Tunisia was unlucky to see his shot hit both posts before being cleared, but he was on target in the 70th minute to make the score 2-1.

El Khatib re-established Egypt's two-goal lead with a fine solo goal but with 10 minutes to go Ali El Kaabi raced up from left back to score for Tunisia and make the final score 3-2.

The return game in Tunis on December 11, 1977, got under way with Egypt needing a draw to qualify for Argentina. For Tunisia a 1-0 win would be enough.

TUNISIA: Attouga; Zuweil, El Kaabi, Gammal, Kamel, El Shably, Ghomida; Agrebi (Laabidi), Tarak, Temime, Akid, Limam (Ben Aziza).

EGYPT: Ekrami (Tisabet); Abdal-Bakir, Mansour, Bedor, Younis; Shehata Abdou (Khalaf), Sheik, Sallat, El Khatib, Mokhtar Ali.

Tunisia took immediate control and ran Egypt into the ground.

The final score of 4-1 could well have been even more convincing.

Scorers were Akid (5th.), Temime (42nd.), Ben Aziza (65th.) and Laabidi (75th.). Egypt's consolation goal came from Mokhtar Ali 10 minutes from the end after Tunisia had established a 4-0 lead.



Defender Dhouib

Knocked out by Ivory Coast in '73

Tunisia's previous World Cup campaigns:

1930, '34, '38, '50, '54, '58: Did not compete.
 1962 (Finals in Chile): qualifying games: v. Morocco 1-2, 2-1, tiebreaker 1-1, Morocco qualified for next round on toss of a coin, but lost 0-1 and 2-3 to Spain.

1966 (England): Did not compete.

1970 (Mexico): qualifying games: v. Mexico 0-0, v. Morocco 0-0, 0-0, tiebreaker 2-2, Morocco qualified for next round on toss of coin and eventually qualified for the World Cup finals.

1974 (West Germany): qualifying games: v. Egypt 1-2, 0-0; v. Ivory Coast 1-1, 1-2; Tunisia eliminated, Zaire qualified for finals as Africa's representative.

Tunisia also took part in the 1980 Olympic Games in Rome.

Its results were: v. Poland 1-6; v. Argentina 1-2; v. Denmark 1-3.

Three from Africa

World Cup Finals results by African teams:

1934 (Italy): Egypt v. Hungary 2-4.
 1970 (Mexico): Morocco v. West Germany 1-2; v. Peru 0-3; v. Bulgaria 1-1.

1974 (West Germany): Zaire v. Scotland 0-2; v.

'Outlet for aggression'

BERNE — The General Secretary of the European Football Union (UEFA) has called on public authorities to hand out stricter punishments against soccer fans who provoke violence at matches.

In this two-yearly report of UEFA activities, Herr Hans Bangerter condemned "Chauvinistic, sometimes drunken elements who feel they can vent their grudge against society with impunity at international matches, safe in the anonymity of the crowd."

"It is a sad fact that football grounds today serve the masses as a sort of outlet for aggression."

Bill Rogers: his last year?

Ex-Socceroo may go to lower league

By KYLE PATTERSON

Australia should forget about fielding its strongest side in the forthcoming games against Greece, says South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Billy Rogers.

Instead, says Rogers, we should select an under 21 team to play against the European visitors.

"It's no use picking established players, some of whom would be over 30 and at the end of their careers," said Billy.

"A team of youngsters could build up in the years to come and any games Australia plays now should be used to give them experience and settle them down. It wouldn't matter if they lost 10-0 because we will be better off in the long run."

"However, at the moment Australia doesn't even have a national team and we have lost ground since the 1974 World Cup finals."

Rogers, a former Socceroo, says Rale Rasic would be the best man to coach this team of young players. "Rale is a very good tactical coach," said Billy, "and can get a team fit as well."

A lot of other coaches concentrate only on the physical side of the game."

Rogers' proposal is a good one.

Players like Peter Wilson (Western Suburbs) and Jimmy Rooney (Marconi) have served Australia well over the years but it's time they moved over and let the youngsters have a go. After all, they will not be around for Australia's World Cup bid in 1982.

Some of the young players who may be included in the new Australia team for the Greece games are Danny Moulis (Canberra City), Mark Jankovic (Marconi), Peter Sharne (Marconi), John and Robert O'Shea (St. George), Mendo Ristovski (J.U.S.T.) and Martyn Crook (West Adelaide Hellas).

The experienced Rogers, in his second year with Hellas, has represented Australia.

He played for the Socceroos in one of the most memorable games staged in this country.

That was the Australia v. Santos of Brazil game in Sydney, featuring the greatest soccer player of them all, Pele.

"It was like being in the same room as the Queen," said Rogers recalling the game. "I couldn't stop looking at him."

However, Rogers was disappointed with the tactics used by the Australian coach, Rasic, in that game.

"We had Ray Richards shadowing Pele for the whole game," said Rogers, "but it was a mistake."

"People had come to the game to be entertained by Pele, and it was not right to have someone following him all over the park."

Australia drew that game 2-2.

Rogers played also for Australia against Wolves, as well as representing both Victoria and N.S.W.

Not bad for someone who as a youngster played Australian Rules and tried out with Footscray in the V.F.L.!

Rogers came to Australia from South Africa. He was born in Durban, and was 11 when he arrived in this country.

There wasn't any soccer played at the school he went to, so he turned to Aussie Rules.

"I played Aussie Rules for three years," said Rogers, "and one time I tried out with the Footscray fourths (U/18's)."

However, Rogers returned to soccer (he had been a goalkeeper in South Africa "but I let in too many goals" he said), and joined Sunshine City.

"I played in the U/16s and we had a fairly good team," said Billy.

"However, the Sunshine senior club (then in the First Division) didn't take much interest in us, and most of the boys drifted out of soccer."

One player from that team (besides Rogers) who stuck with soccer was Kaz Plotrowski, who is still with Sunshine.

Billy wanted to leave the club and go to Hakoah when 15, but Sunshine was asking \$2000 for him.

Understandably, Hakoah didn't want to pay \$2000 for an untried youngster.

"I stood out of soccer for 12 months because I couldn't get a transfer," said Rogers.

However, Rogers made a deal with Sunshine whereby he played, but would be allowed to transfer at the end of the 1968 season if the club didn't win promotion to the State League.

Sunshine missed out on promotion, and Rogers transferred to Melbourne for \$1500.

At Melbourne he teamed up with Rale Rasic, who was coach.

"I was playing centre forward then," said Billy "and Steve Bleskany and Ray Pocock (now Sunshine) also played up front."

The talented threesome became known as 'Rasic's Raiders', and they scored 50 goals between them in the 1969 season.



South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Billy Rogers, seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE. Rogers is shown in action against Peter Terry (top left) of St. George; Paul Ontong (top right) of Mooroolbark, Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier; Olympic defender George Gibson (bottom left) and Western Suburbs midfielder Dave Harding (bottom right).



Ray Richards (No. 6) tackles Pele in the memorable 2-2 draw between Australia and Santos. Richards should not have marked Pele, says Rogers.

That year, Melbourne finished runner-up to Juventus in the State League championship.

"Juventus had a really good team," said Rogers,

"including George Kinnell, the former Sunderland captain, Dino DeMarchi (now Fawkner), Tommy McColl (former Socceroo), Sandy Irvine (now Frankston) and Bobby Thomson (former Juventus coach)."

After two seasons with Melbourne, Rogers transferred to Auburn in Sydney.

"I heard and read how Sydney soccer was meant to be better than Melbourne soccer," said Rogers, "but I found that to be untrue."

"The standard was about the same, but definitely no better than in Melbourne."

However, Rogers found that Melbourne soccer had the edge in one area.

"In Sydney," he said, "the league was decided by money. The rich clubs were always at the top, and poor clubs never got anywhere."

"At least in Melbourne the competition was closer and it was possible for a little club to do well."

The money aspect became clear to Rogers when he transferred from Auburn to A.P.I.A.

"I was with Auburn for three years," he said, "and we finished 8th or 9th every year."

"However, A.P.I.A. was a more professional club both on and off the field."

"All the training and playing gear was supplied by the club, and we didn't even have to clean our own boots."

"I helped the players get the right attitude, unlike Auburn where it was just a matter of rolling up for training or a game and that was it."

During his stay at Auburn, Billy played alongside Frank

Brady who is the brother of Liam Brady, the Arsenal and Eire star. He nearly was the first soccer player to 'streak' during a game.

"I was playing for Auburn against Pan Hellenic," said Billy, "and I had pushed the ball past Dave Harding (now Western Suburbs).

"As I ran past him he grabbed my shorts and half ripped them off."

"It was hilarious at the time."

At A.P.I.A., Rogers teamed up with John Russell and Jimmy Rooney (both now with Marconi), Terry Butler, John Doyle, Dave McQuire, Ken Wilson, Peter Quertow, and Willy Wallace, the former Glasgow Celtic star.

"Wallace and Rooney were real professionals," said Rogers, "and they put in 100% effort into every game."

It was at A.P.I.A. that Rogers switched from centre forward to a midfield role.

"We already had Peter Ollerton up front," said Billy, "so the coach, Tom Anderson, (now coach of Sydney Olympic) put me in the middle of the park."

"I prefer midfield now because you are in the action a lot more, and as Peter Ollerton will tell you, you get kicked more up front."

However, Rogers still manages to get a lot of shots at goal each game, showing that his move to the midfield didn't take away any of his attacking spirit.

"I get the chance to come forward," said Billy, "and thanks to Peter I often get a lot more room than I should. With often two defenders marking him it means less pressure on me and the other Hellas attackers."

Rogers was with A.P.I.A. for three years and ironically it was his last game with the club that brought him the most pleasure.

"Club-wise," he said, "A.P.I.A.'s 1-0 win over St. George in the 1976 Grand Final was my best achievement." Rogers transferred to Hellas for \$7000 at the start of the 1977 season.

"Last season we didn't have the right attitude at Hellas on or off the park," said Rogers, "and it was a poor effort."

"The club still has a lot to learn, even though things have improved this season."

On the subject of poor efforts, the Hellas players have an award for any one of their number who does a particularly stupid thing.

It's called the 'Goofy' award, and the unofficial winner last year was Mike Pye, who won it more times than anyone else.

Rogers won his first 'Goofy' for 1978 in Brisbane a few weeks ago when Hellas was there for its game against Lions.

"Dave MacLaren (coach) had said that everyone had to report for breakfast at 10.30 a.m.," said Billy.

"It was a really hot day, and Chris Kent and I thought we would be leaving the motel after breakfast so we put on our club blazers and ties, etc."

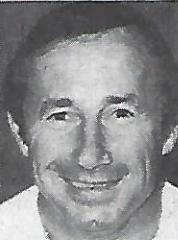
"We rolled up at the right time only to see everyone else strolling around in shorts, all nice and cool."

"We'd got it all wrong, and the rest of the lads had a good laugh."

Rogers, a sub-contractor in the building industry, may be in his last season with Hellas.

"I'm building a house at Warburton (40 miles from Melbourne) that will be ready by Christmas," said Billy. "It could be a bit much travelling to training from there so I might play for a closer club — say Croydon."

"I owe something to my wife Julie and my two boys, Nathan (5) and James (9). I don't see them as much as I should because of soccer."



Tom Anderson — Rogers' coach at Auburn and APIA.



Willy Wallace — Rogers teamed with him at APIA



Kaz Plotrowski — Rogers' under 16 team-mate.



Ray Pocock (pictured), Steve Bleskany and Rogers were Rale Rasic's forward line at Melbourne in 1978.



Mike Pye — "Goofy" Dave Harding — almost

FA WARNS ON REVIE

LONDON. — Don Revie, who walked out as England manager last year to join the United Arab Emirates, could find the going tough if he decides he wants to return to the English club scene.

ordering them not to try signing him as manager.

Revie was in Leeds for an Easter visit amid speculation that he yearns for club football.

"He knows there is no shortage of would-be hirers so the F.A. letter

squash interest," the "Sunday People" reported.

The clubs were reminded that Revie "will be suspended from any activity in English football" until such time as he answers a charge of bringing the game into disrepute, it

Melbourne in risky position

Melbourne has had its ground problem solved temporarily but there are plenty of headaches in store for the club and the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The Metropolitan League board of management decided to let Melbourne play its home

games on Oval 22 at Middle Park, even though the pitch is smaller than the minimum size stated in V.S.F. rules.

However, Melbourne must obtain agreement from the opposition club before every home game.

If the opposition objects playing on Melbourne's under-size ground, then Melbourne must make other arrangements.

The Board, in making its

decision said also that Melbourne must try to find a permanent home ground which comes up to standard.

It is now up to the other Second Division teams which will decide if Melbourne spends the year like wandering gypsies.

Some may agree to play at Melbourne's ground, but others are likely to object, forcing Melbourne to either play some of its "home" games at its opponent's

ground, or rent another club's ground for the day — a move that would be costly for the once-powerful Hungarian club.

The V.S.F. may have to rearrange fixtures to accommodate Melbourne's arrangements, or be faced with last-minute decisions on the venue of a game, which would cause confusion among referees and fans. —

KYLE PATTERSON

TARAX 11-1

By RON DARLINGTON

The inconsistency of early season results still continues as clubs struggle to find form. The high-scoring last week with the exception of the Tarax 11-1 win has gone. In fact two of the teams which reached double figures last week lost this time.

League Champions, Pegasus, were beaten 4-1 in their 4-1 win over Tarax 'A' and Melville Holdings showed last week's form was not a flash in the pan by beating the cup holders 4-2.

In a four-hour match between the air lines in Division 2 but a scoreless draw means both teams remain unbeaten.

Croydon Rovers head the table with a 100% record of 10 wins 0 while A.N.Z. Bank 'A' have yet to score after going down 0-4 to

B.A.S. Mario Leon, getting a hat-trick.

Both sides were improved from last week as the Falcons found to their cost, but Middle Park V.R.L. 'A' and Philip Morris couldn't decide who were better the team.

It was a complete reversal for A.C.I. who beat 3 East going down 2-3 to Travellers Melbourne. The Hillmen had their chances but frittered them away and paid the penalty.

C.O. had to wait for the ladder after their second 6-0 win which included the top individual score of the week by George Georgelidze who got five of them.

Three teams share the lead in Division 3. V.R.L. 'B' clinched their best A section 2-1, A.R. Split 'A' who were slightly flattened by the 6-2 scoreline at K.S.C. United and Parry. The Hillmen defeated Rowville 4-3.

Fliers United and Tessa Town in Division 4 East are close neighbours and as usual had a ding dong battle before Fliers emerged 2-1 winners.

It was not such a close match as Tarax 'B' where the home team coasted to an 11-1 win over G. Kennon.

John Pastash scored 4 of them and was ably assisted by Nick Panagopoulos who scored three.

R.A.A. F. Froglin kept their perfect record and headed the table after beating Do La Salle 3-0.

Hillmen of Ashburton United in Division 4 North went down to A.R. Split 'B' 2-3, leading 2-1 with 5 minutes to go the defence conceded 2 goals in a period.

The Cooks are in current draw position after collecting another single point this week but Repco Cooloolite held the ladder with 4 points, 14 goals for and none against.

Hires Drafting Dynamo in Division 4 West are one team who continued on where they left off last week, scoring 6 goals to Rheem to make it 18 in two matches.

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Clayton keeper breaks leg, Ackerley back, Zoraja tops

WEST SUBURBS 1
(Theochardis)

CROYDON 2 (Hamilton).

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POLONIA 1 Esposito

(40th). COLLINGWOOD 2
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POLONIA 1 Esposito

Victorian Metro and Provisional Leagues

6. Tuffield 7, Taylor 7, Berardini 7, Ardeer 6, Darch 5, Orlinski 5, Czerniak 6, Menichelli 5, Szambelanzyk 6, Durszt 6, Kupisz 7, Liparski 6, Wroble 6, Dukyn 5, Kuczyński 5.

Box Hill started the season off in grand style, with a win in the opening form of its trios of Ian Tuffield, Serge Berardini and Ray Taylor.

The Hillmen bombarded the opposition in the first second half, scoring four goals and tormenting the Ardeer back four.

Taylor made several long runs with the ball, showing some tremendous skill as he walked around defenders.

Ardeer was just as dangerous, using his weight and pace to bustle his way past the desperate Ardeer defenders. He also gave away many free kicks in his attempt to contain the Box Hill scoring.

Although he didn't get his name on the score sheet, Ian Tuffield did a lot of hard work, and often split the Ardeer back guard with a brilliant flick one.

Eddie Kupisz was Ardeer's only effective midfielder, and could do with some help from Olinowski, who played in the back line.

Menichelli, the scorelines may have been much different if Graham Morgan, the Box Hill keeper, hadn't been in such fine form.

Early in the game Ardeer pushed the ball around, and had the better of the Box Hill midfield. It was during the opening 30 minutes that Morgan made a series of fine saves that kept the Hillmen in the game.

Apart from some early unsteadiness, the Box Hill back four was tight, and it was the first time this season that the Hillmen had kept its opposition scoreless.

Kenny Hall made a welcome return to left back for the Hillmen, but Theo Tsakalidis was once again disappointing.

Ardeer had to strengthen its backline, but overall it has the ability to play much better than it did in this first game. However, the Polish-backed team will have to put in more effort in the second half.

When Box Hill went 2-0 up just after half time some of the Ardeer players dropped their heads, while others gave away unnecessary fouls and got themselves booked.

Taylor was the star for Box Hill as he scored a hat trick and set up another.

It was a good start for Berardini. He predicted at the start of the season that Tuffield, Ian Tuffield, would get 50 goals between them in the League. The target has been reduced by five, and Berardini is confident his prediction will come true.

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New ground opens Sunday

About 5000 fans are expected to attend the opening of Preston Makedonia's new ground on Sunday.

Makedonia takes on Croatia in a State League second round match at B.P. Connor Reserve, corner of Radford Road and Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir.

Guests will include Mr Peter Collins, MLA, Cr R. J. Hall, the Mayor of Preston, 12 Preston councillors, leaders of local churches (including

St. George's, St. Nicholas' and 'St. Louis'), George Wallace, the secretary of the V.S.F., and Theo Marmanas, president of the V.S.F.

The guests will have a smorgasbord lunch at 1 pm at the new pavilion.

The opening game will be played in Preston's old Collier Street ground on Saturday (kick off 2.45 pm) to allow time for a display by Macedonian dancers and an address by guest speakers before the main game which kicks off at 3 pm.

The new complex was financed by the Preston council. It is enclosed and has a bank-

ing around the ground. As well as a pavilion, the ground has a separate toilet block, modern changing rooms and a first aid room.

A first aid room, an office and a changing room for referees and linesmen are included in the pavilion. Makedonia installed \$8500 floodlights at its own cost.

"We would like to thank the council for the effort it put into this complex," said club spokesman Branko Trajanovski, "as it will give the club and soccer in general a tremendous boost."

CROATIA CRUSHES GEORGE CROSS

ESSENDON CROATIA 5 (Cumming 14th min., Davidson 22nd min., Kerr 50th min., Krnecvic 2 69th min., 81st min.) v GEORGE CROSS 0.

Victorian State League with KYLE PATTERSON

that Makedonia's players don't have the stamina to play the full 90 minutes.

In the Ampol Cup final, the team looked ragged in the last 15 minutes and in the end when Makedonia faltered, then fell in a heap after Hakoah had equalised.

John Daperis played his first game for Hakoah after transferring from South Melbourne. Hakoah lost 1-0 but he strengthened the midfield.

Billy Whitehead, the former Alexander goalkeeper, put on an immaculate display between the sticks for Hakoah, and kept his side in the game with some fine saves.

Georgia didn't have one sustained onslaught on the Croatia goal, and spent most of the game, goalless.

The defence was loose, especially on the flanks where Brian Davidson and Tammy Cumming consistently beat their men and put over telling crosses.

The midfielders were given good service by Croatia's midfielders Alan Kerr, Ken Murphy and Howard Andrews, who had their job made so much easier by a lack of effective opposition in the middle of the park.

Of Georgia's midfielders, Phil Cutajar was the only one who ran for the whole game and pressured the ball.

The surprise omission from the Croatia team was Branko Culina.

In goal for George Cross was Gerry Rice, who came to Australia specifically to play football in England. There he played in the same league as Steve Bannister (now Slavia) and Ken Reed (now George Cross). Rice trained with Green Gully, Ajax before moving to George Cross.

Peter Ebin, who hadn't been seen at Croatia since the end of last season, returned to the club and came on as a sub in the second half, to the disappointment of Jim Papas.

Billy Wilkinson, the George Cross coach, is still recovering from injury, but should be available to put in a few games.

Croatia's first four was rarely troubled, and kept George Cross' dangerous Reed right out of the game.

Overall, George Cross didn't look sharp, and its attacks were disjointed. However, it was unlucky to run into Croatia, the Ampol Cup winners at a time when it is in full flight.

George Cross will improve on its performance in the next few weeks, especially when Wilkinson returns.

Cumming put Croatia into the lead with a great 30 yard shot.

He had cut in from the right, but was given time to take a look and his shot beat the George defence.

Reed, Mirak, got away from Ante Blavner a few times, and he gave Reed a good opportunity in the 17th minute to score, but he missed the ball and cutting it back. However, Reed's shot went wide under pressure from Steve Kekoska.

Croatia's second goal was thanks to a defensive botch by George.

The Croc back four broke up a Croatia attack inside the area, but instead of the ball Rice came rushing out of the goal, calling for a short pass back, but the defence didn't respond.

Finally it was decided to give the ball to Rice, but Eddie Krnecvic read the ball well and nipped in to intercept the pass.

With Rice stranded, Krnecvic crossed the ball to Davidson on the far post. The lively winger had to hold off the challenge from the net past two George defenders, who were trying to cover the open net.

George held out for the remainder of the first half, but in the second 45 minutes, Croatia did as it pleased.

Kerr scored from 30 yards after running unchallenged with the ball.

Krnecvic scored the fourth and fifth goals, but Davidson set both of them up. However, the 17-year-old striker showed class in finishing off the moves.

John Gardiner and Murphy went off for Culina and Billy Vojtek and Croatia played some attractive soccer, pushing the ball around while keeping a vice-like grip on the game.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Lesbirol 27th min., Petrovski 69th min.) v HAKOAH ST. KILDÁ 2 (Clarey 69th min., Graig 70th min.)

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 7, Beech 6, Brewerton 7, Glason 6, Gladding 6, McClymont 6, Lesbirol 6, Glennon 5, Hallam 7, McMillan 6, Riherty 4 (Petrovski 6, half time).

HAKOAH: Whitehead 8, Rainey 7, Bannister 6, Ward 7, Vojtek 6, Adampilic 6, (Smith 64th min.), Gatsby 6, Graig 7, Edmondson 6, Clarey 7, Daparis 7.

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STATE LEAGUE: Essendon v George Cross

Courage Seniors 5-0, reserves 2-1, Hawks v

Preston (Middle Park) 2-2, 2-4, Carlton v

Glenelg (Kings Hill) 3-1, 2-1, Slavia v Javelins

Glenelg (Epsom Rd.) 1-0, Ascot Vale 1-1, 1-0

Sunshine v Franklin 1-2, 1-1, Reserves

Anderson Rd.) 2-1, 2-2, Ringwood v Albion

Leyland (Jubilee Park, Ringwood) 2-0, 2-1,

DIVISION 1: Dandenong City v Kallista

Austria 3-1, 0-1, Kaler City v Doveton 0-0,

2-3, Waverley City v Springvale City 1-0, 1-

1, Box Hill v Ardeer 5-0, 2-0, Polonia v Cef-

Huegood City 1-0, N.P.W. v Western Suburbs

v Croydon 2-0, 2-0.

DIVISION 2: Richmond v Footscray Gully

3-1, 7-1, Melbourne S. 3, Albion 0, 3-0, 1-3,

Eltham v South Yarra 1-3, 3-1, Ballarat Park

Melbourne 3-2, 3-1, Fitzroy v Brighton 0-1,

1-2, Knox City v Murrumbeena 1-0, 3-3,

DIVISION 3: Moorabbin v Altona 0-0, 1-0,

Warrnambool v Duncraig Rovers 1-0,

3-3, Broadmeadows City v Essendon 1-0,

1-3, 3-3, Chelsea v Prahran City 5-2, 1-4,

Heidelberg v Moorabbin 1-0, 2-2, 1-2,

Morwell Falcons v Coburg 2-0, 4-0.

DIVISION 4: Sandringham v Canterbury 1-0,

1-5, 3-3, Park Rangers v Clayton 0-0, 1-2,

Footscray v South Yarra 3-0, 3-2, Monash

University v Melbourne 2-0, 4-

1, Mornington v Caulfield City 1-4, 1-0, Wer-

ribee v Ringwood United 3-1, 2-4.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — DIVISION 1:

Frankston Pines v Geelong 2-1, 4-0, North

Dandenong v Williamstown 0-0, 1-0, Glen-

elphorus v Werribee 1-0, 1-0, Altona v

Hawthorn United v Keilor Park 1-4, 4-1,

Ringwood v La Trobe 1-0, 4-1, Hamlyn

Rangers v Ballarat 1-0, 4-1.

DIVISION 2: Sunbury v Thomastown 3-1,

2-1, Hawthorn v Malton 0-3, 1-1, Bulleen v

Bendigo City 0-7, 0-3, Central Altona v Sun-

Dandenong 3-1, 5-1, Carlton v Karingal 3-1,

1-2, East Brunswick v Royal Park 2-1, 1-2.

DISTRICT LEAGUE — DIVISION 1:

Tal Institute 1-1, 2-2, South Oakleigh v

Norwood 1-1, 2-2, Ringwood 1-1, 2-2,

Warrnambool 1-1, 2-2, Morwell v Pascoe Vale

1-1, 2-2.

DIVISION 2: Resanna v Thornbury 3-2, 1-

2, Kensington United v North Melbourne 1-1,

W.D. v Mitcham v St Kilda 3-2, 2-3, Wills v

Burke 2-3, 2-3, Macroe Ponds v Mon-

teakill 2-2, 3-1, Clifton Hill v Hawksburn 2-1,

0-4.

DIVISION 3: Creswick United v Ascolti

United 4-1, 1-2, Central Brunswick v

Cheltenham 2-5, 1-2, North Brunswick v

0-6-2, Diamond Creek v North Sunshine 2-

1, 3-3, Banksia East v Carlton 1-2, 0-2.

DIVISION 4: Werribee v Frankston v Mossa-

hills 1-2, 1-3, Carlton v Vermont 1-1,

1-1, RMIT v Central City 2-3, 1-2, Malvern City

v Lynbrook 5-1, 2-2.

THIRDS COMPETITION — CENTRAL DIVI-

SION: Moonee Valley (R) v Kyneton (R)

3-3, Richmond v Waverley City 5-0,

Moorebank v South Yarra 3-1, Brightons v

Hawthorn St. Kilda 0-5, Ringwood United (A) v

Caulfield City 3-2.

NORTH/EAST DIVISION: Doncaster Rovers

v Ringwood (B) 0-1.

WEST DIVISION: Broadmeadows City v

Moreland 2-2, RAAF Academy v Footscray D-

11, Melton v University of Melbourne (A) 2-

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE:

DIVISION 1: Werribee, Scott 2, Reserves

L'Heure 3, McKee 2, Footscray 4, Bosch D.Y.A. 1-

Footscray 2, Tarax 'A' 1, Public Works 2,

Sperry Vickers 1, R.A.C.V. 3, W.D. &

H.W.D. 0.

DIVISION 2: Asselt O.T.A.C. A, A.N.C. B, As-

A.R. C, Split 'A' 1, C.R.A.C. 2, Reserves 1,

Asselt 3, Fard Falcons 1, Mid. Pk. V.H. 1'

2, Phillip Morris 2.

DIVISION 3 EAST: A.C.I. Box Hill 2 Travellers

3, Bosch D.Y. 0 Fibre Optic 1, C.C.B.

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PETER GEORGIOU
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"Η σκηνή στο Μίνιλ Πάρκ. Στό μενάλο ελληνικό ντέρμπι μεταξύ των οίλων (επίσημος ονομαστικός της Ελλάδος) — Αλεξανδρός. Ένας συμμαθητής τρέκει πάνω κάτω άλφαρισμάτων, φωνάζει πρός την αιθουσα (επίσημης της Ελλάδος) την δημοτικότητα, ζητά να καλέσουν έναν διαθέντοφόρο. Θα λυπηθεί με κανείς, ίσων ή πρώτη μας σκέψη. Αργότερα μάθουμε ότι πρόκειται για τραυματισμό και μάλιστα μικρού παδιού, που έπεσε από τις σκαλωσίες, που χρησιμοποιούνται σαν πλύργος λίθινως από το συνεργεύοντα πλεονέκτης. Το μικρός τραυματισμός στό κεφάλι. Ο πατέρας του Μέγας ήταν δίπλα. Ο αγόνας και η αγωνία στο κατακύρωσης Κανές από το επιτελείο των δύο δεν εννοούσερεται για τό τι συμβαίνει ως θεατές έξω από τη γραμμές. Ο συμμαθητής της Ελλάδας πλησιάζει τόν πατέρα και ζητά από τόν μασούρη του Μέγα γάδες για να έπιστρει στο γιατρό το τρύμα του πιταρίκου. Η αγωνία για την έκδοση τού αγώνα έφερνε στο κατακύρωσης. Τα νέαρα πάντα τεντυγμένα και ο φανατικός όποιος ήταν να λάβει τους άνθρωπους. Έδω πάμε για γκόλ γάδες 80 φάνικούμε πορά:

"Ο συμμαθητής πέπινε: «Εκίνη γάδα ρε παδιά, για τόν μικρό!»

"Ε, αυτός δεν τρυπιάσταν. Ο συμμαθητής του Μέγα, πάνω στην κάρια του, για τόν αγώνα γύρισε και ζει παιδί του απόποιες την προσοτή, για ένα δούτιντο γεγονός, όπως ήταν ο τραυματισμός πιταρίκου. Και τόν είπε: «Και τό αίμα ανέβηκε στο κεφάλι του. Πώς τολμούσε ο δάρδαρος να ζητήσει έπιστρεψη αφού τόν δύο δεν αντιτάποτας; εξαποτάστι! Θελεί ν' αποτύπωσει την προσοχή μου από τους κακώτερους φίλους. Βέλει να μάς πάρει τό τοκό πρώτων δοπητών!»

"Οι γιατροί πέριπτες τόν επίδεισμο, έμπρος ένας ζαπλιμένος στό έδαφος αιμορράξεις. Και δύως ή συμμαθητής του Μέγα δέν πάνταντο κορδός, από τόπο κατάσταση κόπτα για να κάθεται ή αύματα του. Και δέν δινει τόν επίδεισμο.

"Οι γιατροί μετέφερνες στό νοσοκομείο, ή αγώνας τελείωσαν ισόπαλος και ο συμμαθητής της Ελλάδας ήταν πάντα τόν νευρογόνος. Έμεις δέν θελούσαν να τον θεραπεύσουν στό έδαφος της Ελλάδας. Μέτρα είναι δυνατότατα: Για έναν έπιστρεψη κάνει έτοι: Κι έντι πασίνα πάθησε πάντα από τόν αιμορράξις. Τα σημεία είκεν ότι δύο δεν της Ελλάδα, δύο δεν οι έρωτιστες του.

"Ποιος δύως θα τό δύεις τές άποντας;

"Νό τοι ποινής ότι δέν άκουει καλά διανούμελος του: «Τίως νά μήν πίθει νά ζηδείνει τό συμματιού του ένα δολάριο για γάδες! Τίως, Τίως...»

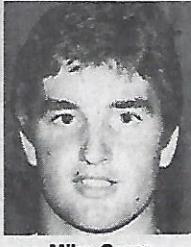
"Την πότε θα έρθει ο άλλος. Και λεγετο για γάδες εκεί ο συλλογος. Αυτό δύο που τόν κατέκει εκείνη τόν στηγάνη πήντε ή φανατικος. Τό είδος που παραλίνει και σταματά τό νού. Για έναν φανατικό δέν υπάρχει λογική. Είναι τό είδος τού εανατολικούς που κάνει άνθρωπους νά γνωρίζουν έξαλοι νά μια νίκη τό δύο δέσμους του σε φιλο αγάπη. Τό είδος που κάνει συμμαθητό διπτήλιος ήδασις: Έχερο, κατάσκοπο.

"Άπο τυπολ θανατισμό διαμένουσας τού Μέγα διέψευσε τόν συμμαθητή της Ελλάδας. Τέτοιοι είδους φανατικος δύος δέν έχει έρειν διάνοιας ότι ανθρώπους που δύο δέν στην θελητική οικονομία τό Μέγα ή αποσαρπιντός δέλλος να υποτείνει αυτή τό ίδεα, καλό θα είναι νά μια ζανακούδης έκει που παρινοίανται όπορδες. «Αν πάλι θελει νά συνεχίσει νά βοσσή τό δύο δέσμους του, δέν πρέπει νά αναδειπνεις τό δέσμους που έχει νά τούς διπτήλιος. Και νά ακολεύει τό πλέονταν και νά έρθει συγκύνων από τό διπτήλιο για τόν συμμαθητή του. Κι αυτό δέν θελει νά τό κανει δημοσίως.

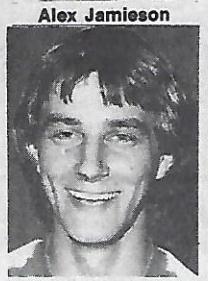
"Όντως πάντα τόν διπτήλιος. Σέρει ποιος είναι.



Alex Jamieson



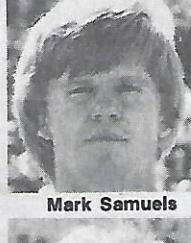
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Rod Skellern



Joe Senkalski



Alan Fisher

7 young men on the go

Seven young Sydney players have been making names for themselves in the early rounds of the Phillips League.

Five of them are Australian born and bred, the other two are young Englishmen who came here last year.

Most of them will develop into PSL stars. Keep your eye on them.

ALEX JAMIESON (Olympic), 19-year-old midfielder who came here from English club Ipswich Town last year. Extremely thoughtful player who will be even better for having **Alan Ainslie** playing alongside him. Jamieson is among the leading group in the "Soccer Action"-JAT voting.

MIKE CROSS (Olympic), 19, left back, joined from Stockport in England last year as a right-back. He progressed through their junior ranks and played for the NSW under-18 team. Fast and dangerous, this is his fourth year with Wests.

IAN ROWDEN (Western Suburbs), 18, central defender. Watch out **Bobby Noble**! That's Pele coming in to Peter Wilson's regular centre-back partner, for even though he is much younger, Rowden is already as good as Noble. He was in the Australian schoolboys team that played against England and, like Fisher, Samuels and Skellern, he reflects Wests' admirable policy of promoting home-grown talent.

JOE SENKALSKI (Olympic), midfielder or forward, joined Olympic from Newcastle for the start of the 1976 season. Had some brilliant games last year, but was not consistent enough. Now, with the experience of the first season behind him, he looks sharper and more enthusiastic than ever.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Poland here after finals?

Apparently there is still a possibility that the Polish national team will visit Australia at the end of the 1978 season.

The ASF overseas tour organiser, Michael Weinstein, is in constant touch with the Polish Federation (PZPN) but because Poland qualified for the World Cup finals a definite time could not be settled between the negotiating parties.

Last week a Polish soccer magazine announced that there is a possibility that Poland will tour Australia on the way back from the World Cup finals. — STEPHEN KALUS.



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Austria, Sweden win

World Cup finalists Austria and Sweden both had victories in trial games last week.

In Basle, Switzerland, Austria beat Switzerland 1-0 in front of about 13,000 spectators.

Kurt Jara scored for Austria in the fourth minute of the first half.

In Leipzig, Sweden beat East Germany 1-0 in front of a crowd of 20,000.

The half-time score was 0-0.

Scorer: **Samy Aslund** (75th minute).



Kurt Jara

YEAR AFTER PELE KICKS OFF WELL

NEW YORK. — Record opening-day crowds attended the North American League's first weekend of 1978, auguring well for what has become known as the "year after Pele".

The great Pele's retirement last Autumn after the magnetic star had played 2½ years for the New York Cosmos in the NASL is expected to provide a true test of the League's ability to attract big crowds without him.

A total of 205,557 fans attended the first 10 games. The average of 20,557 was nearly 100 per cent above the first weekend average of 10,750 in 1977. It also marked the first time the weekend average had topped 20,000 in NASL history.

The Cosmos, playing at home, drew a League record opening-day crowd of 44,442 to Giants Stadium in New Jersey to watch them bomb the Fort Lauderdale Strikers 7-0.

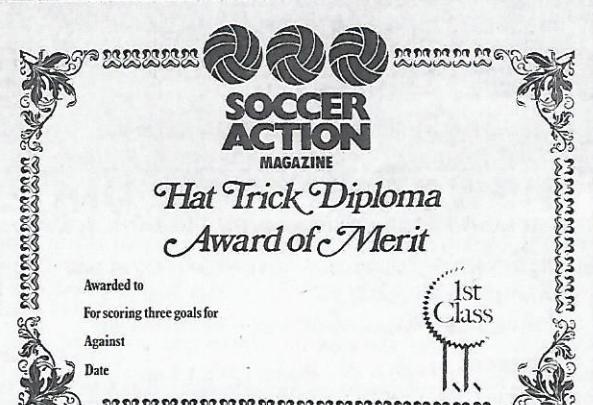
"It's a great tribute to Pele and what he has done for soccer in North America," said Welshman **Phil Woosnam**, the NASL commissioner.

Results of the North American Soccer League's first weekend:

New York Cosmos 7, Fort Lauderdale Strikers 0; San Diego Sockers 4, Vancouver Whitecaps 1; Portland Timbers 0; Dallas Tornado 2, Chicago Sting 0; Seattle Sounders 3, Colorado Caribous 0; Washington Diplomats 1, Philadelphia Fliers 0; Grand Strand Stoners 1, San Jose Earthquakes 0; Tampa Bay Rowdies 2, Tulsa Roughnecks 1; Houston Hurricane 3, Los Angeles Aztecs 2.



Pele in the Cosmos shirt



Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat-Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, address and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of game.
5. Send the information to "Soccer Action", 250 Spencer Street, Melbourne, Vic., and we will forward the certificate free of charge as an incentive to keep on scoring those goals!

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes," published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes: **Matthew Hemberger**, 10 (Doveraster Rovers); **Gavan Palmer**, 10 (four goals (Hawks-St. Kilda); **Zeljko Diller**, 14, nine goals (Numurading); **Wayne Graham**, 13, seven goals (Mitcham Utd); **Lorenzo Vecchiali**, 13, four goals (Broadmeadows); **Tony Varrall**, 10 (Broadmeadows); **Anthony Marchett**, 13 (St. Albans); **Robert Edgar**, 15, nine goals (J.U.S.T.); **Slobodan Stojcevski**, 5, four goals (J.U.S.T.); **Andrew Galea**, 10, (Sunshine Heights).

Cutejar cleverly side stepped the centre half from a R. D'antonio pass to put Heights further ahead.

Frankston obtained another goal, but Heights held command, to take off the 1978 Ampol Junior Final.

Best: J. Bruno, J. Kroll.

POLES WIN

WARSAW. — Poland beat Greece 5-2 in a friendly soccer international at Poznan.

In **GUADALAJARA**, Mexico, the Mexican national team beat Bulgaria 3-0 in a World Cup warm-up match.

European under-21 tournament — Second Leg: Italy 0, England 0, (England won 2-1 on

Heights' final

Sunshine Heights defeated Frankston Pines 3-2, to clinch another Ampol Cup win for Sunshine.

Goals by J. Bruno, J. Kroll placed the ball well out of the goalie's reach.

A. Ferrugia, with a volley off a corner kick, equalised.

Only a minute into the se-

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GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington. (08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

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Club Phone 356 8834

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This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

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SOUTH MELBOURNE

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MANAGER: D. McLaren

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COLOURS: Blue & White

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

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COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

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GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue stripe

This week's match: v. **ST. GEORGE** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Saturday 7.30 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 7, Canberra A.C.T. 2600

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GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

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This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 2.30 pm.

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COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park on Schintler Reserve

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This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico



This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

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COACH: I. Takacs

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green



This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Saturday 7.30 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

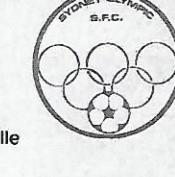
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COACH: T. Anderson

GROUND: Erskineville Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskineville

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COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White



This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at Marconi Oval (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.